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TO : The Director

FROM : Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: DP's for Intelligence Purposes

DATE: 26 August 1949

1. This morning's Washington Post contained an article (page 1) indicating renewed Congressional action for the DP bill.

2. The article further states that Representative Celler (Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee) revealed that military intelligence services had requested a provision in the bill to admit 15,000 refugees from Iron Curtain nations to the United States to provide information about what goes on there.

3. Have we any information on such a request being made by the intelligence services? In view of the fact that most of these refugees are of doubtful value as sources and are all available for interrogation abroad, there seems little validity for including these as intelligence sources in legislation.

4. It is recommended that ICAPS check to ascertain whether in fact any such request has been made by Armed Services Intelligence to the Congress, or whether this is merely an attempt to ride along on the success of our 100 aliens provision.

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